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Observance of the environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of the agreements on disarmament and arms control

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of the observance of the environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of the disarmament and arms limitation agreements,

Taking note of the relevant provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and Their Destruction regarding the environment,

Convinced of the importance of the drafting of a mechanism of verification for the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, based on the results of the work of the Ad Hoc Group established for this purpose, which, inter alia, should provide for the preservation of the environment,

Mindful of the detrimental environmental effects of the use of nuclear weapons and of the need to conclude an international convention prohibiting nuclear weapons and their use,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Conscious of the positive implications for the environment of a future comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty,

Desirous of banning effectively military or any other hostile use of environment modification techniques, with a view to removing the dangers for mankind that might arise from such uses,

1. Requests the Conference on Disarmament to take every necessary measure to include in the treaties and agreements on disarmament and arms limitation the corresponding environmental norms, with a view to ensuring that the process of implementation of such treaties and agreements is environmentally sound, in particular the destruction of weapons covered by them;

2. Urges the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to give attention and follow-up to issues under negotiation by the Conference on Disarmament related to the environment;

3. Emphasizes the importance of the compliance of all States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and Their Destruction, and calls upon them to ensure that the process of implementation of the Convention in all its aspects is environmentally sound, taking into account the need to cooperate with other States parties in this regard;

4. Urges the Ad Hoc Group of States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction to consider, inter alia, all relevant norms related to the protection of the environment;

5. Calls upon the Conference on Disarmament to conclude, as a task of the highest priority, a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty, no later than in 1996;

6. Urges the States that are not yet party to the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques to consider adhering to it as soon as possible, in order to assure the universality of the Convention.